

Border Eagle

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Air Power
Quote of the Week

"Aerial forces menace all the territory comprised in their radius of action."

—A. Vauthier

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Olympic bobsledder tries out Laughlin jet

By Airman Timothy J. Stein
Staff writer

Olympic bobsledder Todd Hays took a ride of a different kind March 8 when he received an orientation flight in a T-1 Jayhawk here.

The flight was Laughlin's way of honoring the Del Rio native who drove his team to a silver medal in the four-man bobsled event at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, ending a 46-year medal drought for the U.S. men's bobsled team.

"It was awesome," Hays said of his experience after he got out of the T-1.

Hays received his ride just one

day after attending a ceremony and parade in his honor in Del Rio. Del Rio mayor, Dora Alcala, issued a proclamation declaring March 7 as "Todd Hays Day." She also gave Hays a key to the city.

"It was such an honor to fly with someone who represented our country in the Olympics and shined before the entire world."

--1st Lt. Lauren Eckert

86th Flying Training Squadron
instructor pilot

"It was such an honor to fly with someone who represented our country in the Olympics and shined before the entire world," said 1st Lt. Lauren Eckert, 86th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot,

who, along with Capt. Jeff Marks, 86th FTS flight commander, were the pilots for Hays' flight.

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Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Silver medal winner Todd Hays exits a T-1 Jayhawk after receiving an orientation flight here March 8. Hays,

a native of Del Rio, won a silver medal at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in the four-man bobsled event.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Master Sgt. Prince Smith (right), 47th Security Forces Squadron training and resources superintendent, is greeted by fellow security forces members upon returning to Laughlin.

Base troops return home after deployment

By Airman
Timothy J. Stein
Staff writer

Four Laughlin 47th Security Forces Squadron members returned to Laughlin Monday after being deployed to Diego Garcia for six months as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Master Sgt. Prince Smith, training and resources superintendent; Airman 1st Class Rodney Kizzia, installation controlman; Airman 1st Class Michael Bond,

installation entry controller; and Airman 1st Class Charles Cook, personal security deployed shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to Diego Garcia, a British island off the tip of India.

Upon returning home, the four were treated to a reception, and many of their squadron coworkers turned out to welcome them home.

"They were there as a four-person law-enforcement team," said Senior Master Sgt. Rolland

Roth, 47th SFS manager. "They were there to help set up security forces operations in the theater of operation there. They helped install antiterrorism and force protection measures. They were very busy."

Next up for the four troops is some much deserved time off, said Roth.

"While it wasn't a bad experience, they did say how great it was to be back at Laughlin," said Roth.

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Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Tom Davidson
85th Flying Training Squadron Commander

Leaders must develop 'TRUST'

Trust is a word often bantered about in the discussions of good leaders.

The dictionary defines trust as a firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability and justice of another person. While I'd never presume to debate that definition, I would like to offer another way to apply TRUST in your organization.

As a good leader you should:

T: Tell the Truth. Let the people in your organization know what's happening, and let them know as soon as possible. Waiting, while the rumor mill runs at top speed, creates anxiety, second-guessing and undermines your credibility. If you're at fault for something that went wrong in the organization, admit it. If someone in your organization is due credit for a job well done, make sure to let your boss know.

R: Respond consistently. Learn to accept bad news as gracefully as good news. Being calm, cool and collected one time, then shooting the messenger the next, creates fear of the unknown. If you're unpredictable and create fear in your organization, communication will slow to a trickle, and the effectiveness of the entire unit will suffer.

U: Understand your role as a leader. Be competent and visible. Make sure you're accessible. President Abraham Lincoln was well known for getting out of the office, circulating among the troops and requiring his commanders to do the same. Getting out and sharing thoughts are great ways to promote goals, ideals and get feedback by all levels of supervisors. Casual contact can be as meaningful as a formal

meeting, if not more so.

S: See people as trustworthy. Give people a task, the resources to accomplish it, and let them get the job done. Let your stated goals guide them, and you might be surprised at their resourcefulness and innovation. By showing them that you have faith in their abilities, they will have faith in yours.

T: Take action without undue delay. Indecision wastes resources and time. When making a decision, understand the facts, consider various solutions and their consequences, make sure the decision is consistent with your objectives, and then announce the decision.

Good teamwork requires good leadership, and good leaders must gain and hold the trust of their followers. Exercise TRUST in your followers.

Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Greg Bartlett

47th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control assistant chief



Air Force: It is a job worth doing well

During my Air Force career, I have had two different jobs. Originally, I was in aircraft maintenance and later cross-trained into air traffic control. I always said I would stay until it wasn't fun anymore.

But later in my career, I understood the reason I stayed in was because I was doing a job worth doing. I have been lucky to have jobs that allowed me to see my impact on the mission. Even though you might not have a job that gives you this opportunity, you can be sure that you would not be here if you weren't important. In today's tight-budget

world, we don't have very many, if any, extra people.

My personal philosophies are simple: Every job in the Air Force is important to the mission, and every job is a priority at one time or another. However, no one person in the Air Force is irreplaceable. One of our most important jobs is to train our replacements. Our continued success as a world power is dependent on our ability to continue the mission beyond ourselves. If we don't accomplish this task, we're shorting our country and ourselves. After mission accomplishment,

people are our most valuable commodity. Take care of our people, and we will reap great rewards from our investment.

My career goal is equally as simple: to help all airmen and non-commissioned officers become Air Force professionals. My advice is to always try to learn from anyone, anywhere. Hopefully, you will use that knowledge to benefit the Air Force and all those you come in contact with.

Remember, you are important. You are a vital member of the team that gets the mission done every day.



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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

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Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

What does it take to get recognized? *Job knowledge, performance are imperative*

By Lt. Col. Randee Kaiser

90th Mission Support Squadron Commander

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — The fourth quarter and annual award deadlines have come and gone. The question lingers: What does it take to be recognized? For commanders, recognition is a hot-button issue.

Why is it so contentious? For officers and enlisted people, recognition as a quarterly or annual award winner can be a bullet on a performance report, a stratifying statement. As we progress in our careers, competing against peers and winning may be a deciding factor in assignments, board scores, in-residence professional military education and more. For civilians, outstanding performance may be factored into annual incentive awards.

Over the years, I've developed a personal sense of what it takes to be an award winner.

Job knowledge and performance are key. Did you impact your workcenter, flight, squadron or major command by doing something faster, better or cheaper?

Quantifying is important, but don't exaggerate. I'd like to see all the money and manpower we supposedly saved the Air Force over the past several years. With some of the exaggerations I've seen in packages, the Air Force would be able to fund a lot of quality-of-life projects.

Winning a tie-breaker is usually because the "other" categories are strong. Off-duty activities are important in your overall score. Professionals are distinguished by their skill and experience. What better way to enhance these traits than to get involved in volunteer work and self-improvement?

Volunteering on base and in the community is a sign of leadership and initiative. This past quarter, there were several opportunities to vol-

unteer as key workers in the Combined Federal Campaign and for CFC fund-raisers. Over the holidays, volunteer programs gave our folks opportunities to get involved and contribute. If you had a leadership role in any of these, even better. Initiative and leadership are good qualities in professionals.

Self-improvement via off-duty education is important. Don't think the board members can't deduce you've been carrying around the same 38 credit hours toward a future Community College of the Air Force degree. I've seen annual award bullets with the same number of credits as the first quarter. Not an impressive accomplishment, and more often it hurts rather than helps. Get going on your education.

Don't include things you didn't do during the award period. One fund-raiser in the summer may have been noteworthy, but don't sneak it in the October-to-December quarter. What not to include in the write-up is just

as important as what to put in.

I realize some of you will always have the perception that the quarterly and annual award process rewards the competitive person at the expense of the "hard worker" and misplaces the recognition. I give my vote to the professional — the individual who excels at his job, takes initiative, contributes to the community and betters himself. That's the essence of professionalism.

Want to win? Then distinguish yourself from the pack, and make an impact. Make yourself competitive for an award that matches your talents, interests and strengths.

Supervisors, when your troop approaches you and asks "Why didn't you nominate me?" be ready to defend your criteria for what it takes to represent your section, flight or command at the next level.

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Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

Carlson family expresses gratitude to Laughlin

Our family would like to express our gratitude to all Laughlin personnel. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for becoming "one with us." We definitely felt your love and concern for our family. We want you to know that we are thinking of you as you deal with this tragedy in your own way. Thank you for the food, flowers, letters, cards, visits, calls and the hundred other kindnesses you have shown to our family. We hope this letter reaches any and everyone whose life was touched somehow by Chad.

Sincerely,
Azure and Ciara Carlson
Larry and Carolyn Carlson
Brett and Tawnya Carlson, Beth and Jordyn
Becky and Joe McBride, Alison, Danielle, Sara, Trisha

Airmanship

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What is operational control?

Operational control is the command authority delegated to subordinate service or component commanders from the commanders in chief. It is the commander's responsibility to exercise control over the general direction and operation of assigned or attached military forces.

Interested in the Air Force?
Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.

Pet First Aid class set

The American Red Cross is holding Pet First Aid class from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fiesta Center.

A certified instructor from San Antonio will instruct the class. The class will cover emergency protocols, problems requiring immediate attention and CPR for pets.

The cost is \$10. This includes the four-hour class, as well as a book on pet First Aid.

Signups will be on a first-come basis. Send an e-mail to ringsley@delrio.com or call Marlene Ring at 298-7430 to sign up.

Gardening social scheduled

The Officers' Spouses Club will hold a gardening social at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Club XL ballroom.

R.S.V.P. to Audi Lockhart at 298-7340.

Women's health fair set

A women's health and wellness fair is being sponsored by the health and wellness center, Fiesta Community Center and 47th Medical Group from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Fiesta Community Center. There will be several educational displays on a variety of topics, demonstrations and light snacks on hand.

For more information, call Maj. Nina Watson at 298-6464.

Change of command set

The 85th Flying Training Squadron will hold a change of command at 3:30 p.m. March 22 on the flight line outside of Anderson Hall. Lt. Col. William Davidson will relinquish command to Lt. Col. David Turner. There will be a reception following the ceremony at Club XL.

Fellowship meeting set

A women's fellowship meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 23 at the base chapel. The topic for the meeting will be "the end times."

For more information, call Sandra Whiteside at 298-1351.

Volunteer recognition set

April is National Volunteer Recognition Month, and Laughlin will present one volunteer with the Volunteer Excellence Award.

Nominations will be accepted until April 1. The Volunteer Advisory Committee will make the selection, and the award will be presented at an

Newsline

ice cream social April 25.

To be eligible, an individual's service must be performed either in the local civilian community or the military family community.

For more information, call Mitchel Frazier at 298-5222.

Couples class to meet

A couples communication class is being held Fridays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the 47th Medical Group's Military Equal Opportunity office. Four sessions will be held.

The class is designed to increase one's understanding of partner communication. The next class begins in April.

For more information, call the life skills clinic at 298-6422.

Advisory council to meet

The Health Consumers Advisory Council will meet at 1 p.m. April 5 in the 47th Flying Training Wing conference room. All commanders and first sergeants are invited.

The HCAC is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin.

For more information, call Mina Stover at 298-6311.

Scholarships now available

This year's Officers' Spouses Club scholarships are now available. Applications are available at the base education office, Del Rio High School, Southwest Texas Junior College, Sul Ross College, Brackettville High School and Comstock High School.

The OSC scholarship applications are available for dependent spouses, dependent high school seniors, postgraduate dependents, and E-4 and below active-duty military members. Completed applications must be turned in by April 16.

For more information, call Karen Croft at 298-8843.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the 31st Annual Commander's Golf Tournament April 19-21. This three-day event boasts 36 holes of golf and includes past wing commanders, squadron commanders and many from the local business

community. A banquet will be held the evening of April 20. Various positions are available.

For more information, call Capt. Sean McGlynn at 298-4370.

Recreational firing allowed

The 47th Security Forces Squadron is opening the base firing range for recreational firing for off-duty military and civilians from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month and from 4 to 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Reservations must be made a week in advance by calling 298-5151.

Shooters and spectators must provide their own weapons, ammunition, targets, method to attach targets to cardboard (staple gun, tape, etc.) and safety equipment (eye and ear protection). An adult must accompany anyone under age 18.

The firing range is off limits to unauthorized people and should be considered dangerous at all times. The range is located on the south end of Fourth Street, approximately 200 meters from the perimeter fence. The range is routinely used to conduct live-fire weapons training and recreational shooting. Trespassing is prohibited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Keith Hellwig at 298-5151.

Honor Guard needs people

The Laughlin Honor Guard is looking for motivated airmen and noncommissioned officers to join this elite group.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Anthony Williams at 298-5159.

Bootstrap policy changes

The Air Force Bootstrap Program is now called the Air Force Educational Leave of Absence policy. Students currently attending classes under Bootstrap, and those who have been approved (letters signed by their unit commanders) for an upcoming Bootstrap program, will be grandfathered in under the old policy.

The change means that AFELA participants will have two additional months of obligated service for each month of the leave of absence. Also under the AFELA, the new commitment is in addition to any other period of obligated service or active-duty commitment to which the member is already committed. A member in AFELA is in educational leave status, which has its own specific code, and is entitled to basic pay only.

For more information on these changes, call the education office at 298-5545.



Photo by Lisa Carroll

Laughlin visit

A crew chief brings in a Laughlin T-38 on the flight line at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla, March 8. Twenty-one aircraft, 41 instructor pilots and four maintenance personnel from the 87th Flying Training Squadron traveled to Tyndall March 8-10. The trip was part of the Instructor Enrichment Program. It was intended to expose the squadron's 21 First-Assignment Instructor Pilots to the F-15C formal training unit. This is where 87th FTS FAIPs often go after their assignments at Laughlin. The instructor pilots received briefings on intelligence and weapons testing, and some FAIPs received F-15C familiarization rides.

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Eckert said she was worried at first Hays might not find flying as exciting as racing down a sheet of ice at 80 mph.

"[It turns out] he was very interested in what we do as pilots and in pilot training," said Eckert. "He felt really lucky to get a ride in an Air Force jet, flying in formation at 2000 feet through the mountains."

However, she said, Hays didn't

seem to be entirely comfortable with every aspect of the flight.

"It was a very turbulent day," said Eckert. "He couldn't believe that two airplanes could fly so close together. We demonstrated what air refueling would look like, and I think he was a little uncomfortable flying four feet away from another jet."

Eckert said she will also remember the flight for other reasons.

"I was glad we got the chance to

represent the Air Force and were able to achieve a mutual understanding of what we all do in the name of our country," she said.

An Air Force Television News broadcaster shadowed Hays during his visit. To see the story, watch the April 1 edition of Air Force TV News. This newscast airs on cable channel 32, the Commander's Access Channel, at noon and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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are from
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5 p.m.
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these
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298-5830.**

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SUPT Class 02-06 members graduate today,

Compiled from staff reports

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Anderson Hall auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 "Tweet." In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-

Brig. Gen. Dan Goodrich, Air Force Headquarters intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance deputy director and former 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, will speak at today's ceremony.

flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo aircraft training in the T-1 aircraft; fighter training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training in a track takes about 26 weeks.



Capt. Kok Hong Lim
To be determined, Singapore
Class leader



2nd Lt. Scott Collins
C-130, Oklahoma City, Okla. (ANG)
Assistant class leader



(Courtesy photo)

Pictured are the three jets used to train Laughlin student pilots. Clockwise from left are the T-38 Talon, T-1A Jayhawk and T-37 Tweet.



1st Lt. Nicholas Delcour
C-5, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.



1st Lt. Tyson Meinhold
C-130, Dyess AFB



1st Lt. Timothy Nauroth
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Lisa Pierce
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



1st Lt. Rachael Platz
T-38, Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Jonavan Ang
To be determined, Singapore



2nd Lt. Matthew Astroth
C-9, Yakota Air Base, Japan



2nd Lt. Thomas Bowman
B-1, Dyess AFB

transition from students to Air Force pilots



2nd Lt. Brian Christensen
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Pablo Dieppa
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Timothy Dyer
F-16, Wis. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Christopher Gentile
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Walter Harvey
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Gregory Huhmann
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Darcianne Hutchins
T-37, Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Branin Klausman
C-21, Randolph AFB



2nd Lt. Travis Mullins
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Brian Peters
C-141, March ARB, Calif. (AFRES)



2nd Lt. Jerry Ridgway
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Jeffrey Taylor
T-1, Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Andrew Wnek
KC-135, Maine (ANG)



2nd Lt. David Wright
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass
Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
 ● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture
 Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall
Thursday 6 p.m., Choir
Tuesday- ● 12:05 p.m., Mass
Friday ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days
 of Obligation
Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday
 from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment
Religious Education/
Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., general worship
Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.,
 Women's Bible Study at chapel
 ● 7 p.m., choir at chapel

**For more information on chapel
events and services,
call 298-5111.**

The *XL*er

Hometown: Houston

Family: Wife, Staff Sgt. Julie
Pritchard; son, Jacob

Time at Laughlin:

1 year, 5 months

Time in service:

9 years, 10 months

Name one way to improve life at

Laughlin: Make prices at the
child development center more
reasonable, and charge one price
across the board, instead of by to-
tal household income.

Greatest accomplishment:

Being a father

Hobbies: Modifying and maintain-
ing vehicles and working on and
driving my three six-wheelers

Bad habit: Talking too much

Favorite film: I have two:

American Pie and Meet the
Parents

Favorite musician: George Strait

**If you could spend one hour with
any person, who would it be and
why?** With my wife, because our

lives are so hectic right now it
would be nice to just have one
hour to ourselves with no other
distractions.



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Staff Sgt. R.L. Pritchard

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plans and logistics NCOIC*



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